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STUDENT HEAD ENJOYS CALIFORNIA CONVENTION

Student Problems Discussed At N. S. F. A. Four-Day Group Sessions

150 DELEGATES PRESENT

Scenic Beauties of Journey Appreciated As Well as Benefits of Gatherings

4 Norvell Boyer, president of Student Government, who has returned from his trip to Leland Stanford as Sweet Briar's delegate to the annual conference of the National Student Federation of America, has declared his trip to have been a most enjoyable as well as beneficial one.

All phases of school problems were taken up at the conference, which lasted four days, and discussed by the 150 delegates from schools all over the United States, affording vitally interesting material for each delegate to apply in his own individual case.

Norvell declares every moment of her trip was interesting and well filled. She continues:

"The associated delegates of Stanford proved most cordial hosts and Stanford was really an ideal place for the conference. It is a university where the idea of progress is in harmony with the attitude of the college."

Resides being conducted about the campus and shown every courtesy there,

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DR. CONNOR HAS ROLE IN LYNCHBURG PRODUCTION

Takes Lead In Ibsen Play To Be Given by Little Theater, January 15-18.

Dr. Carl Y. Connor, professor of English, is taking a leading role in the production of the Little Theatre of Lynchburg, when it presents "Hedda Gabler" by Ibsen, January 15, 16, 17, and 18.

It is the usual practice of the Little Theatre to give sure Broadway success, but in the desire to put on a play of imaginative and literary quality, the Little Theatre of Lynchburg will present "Hedda Gabler". The play is gloomy and tragic and has a great deal of dramatic interest.

Each member of the small cast is of distinct individuality. The action centers about the highly eccentric character of Hedda Gabler. The part of Hedda's professor husband, TERSMAN, is taken by Professor Holbrook of Randolph Macon, while that of her lawyer friend, Judge Brock, is taken by Mr. Clyde Jennings. The charming Mrs. Alvestad is portrayed by Mrs. Kathleen Morris Struggles of Randolph Macon.

Dr. Connor will act the part of Eilert Lovborg, the temperamental author who at one time has been in love with Hedda, but has later fallen under the inspiring influence of Mrs. Alvestad. Hedda Gabler, however, contrives through Lovborg's weakness for drink

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Visitors Directed To Alumnae Office By Three New Signs

Three new signs, black wood with gilt lettering, have been erected by Dr. Preston Edwards, Superintendent of Grounds and Buildings, on campus to direct guests to the Alumnae Office.

One of these signs has been placed at the fork in the road under the big oak tree, another has been nailed to a tree in front of the Inn, and the third hangs over the door of the Office itself, which occupies a room in the back of the Book Shop building.

DEAN LIFTS SOCIAL BAN ON W. & L. STUDENTS

Pleased by Assurances of Aid From Both Student Bodies Involved

The ban on social relations between Sweet Briar and Washington and Lee University, which has been observed since the middle of November, has been lifted, according to a notice which appeared on the bulletin boards upon the students' return after vacation. The notice by Dean Dutton reads as follows:

"With sincere appreciation of the action taken at the last Student Government meeting on December 18, 1929, and of the letter of December 14, from the president of the Washington and Lee student body and accepting the agreement made by both student groups, I am happy to announce that the social relations between the students of Sweet Briar and Washington and Lee University are herewith resumed."

This notice came about as a result of the action of the Sweet Briar student body when it passed the following resolution, December 18, 1929.

"The student body is not satisfied with conditions regarding conduct in Lexington and regarding drinking by dates on Sweet Briar campus. We realize our obligation to remind fellow students of their responsibility in upholding social

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Sunday Night Reading Pleases

Seated luxuriously on the deep cushions of the Browning Room, or informally on the floor, a large number of students and several members of the faculty were an enthusiastic audience to a number of readings given by President Gibbs, on the evening of Sunday, January 12.

The selections were particularly choice, consisting of five short stories from H. G. Wells, by John Foxe, and the well-known Africanus, by Harry Stillwell Edwards. Both readings were rendered in mountain and negro dialect, respectively, which made them particularly effective.

Reading hours such as this would be the most pleasant and the most popular event of the week if it were established as a custom, and the next gathering will come soon, too, according to those who were present Sunday night.

PRESIDENT GLASS ATTENDS MEETING IN WASHINGTON

Delegate at 16th Annual Gathering of Assoc. of American Colleges, Jan. 13 to 17

President Glass left college Monday, January 13, to attend the sixteenth annual meeting of the Association of American Colleges at Washington D. C. Miss Glass was vice-president of this Association in 1928.

On Tuesday, January 14, Miss Glass attended a dinner session of the Association at the Willard Hotel. The guests of honor were the British Ambassador and Lady Isabella Hamilton. The president of the Association, Gay E. Snavely of Birmingham Southern College gave the president's annual address.

The next day the meeting continued with the annual report of the Executive Committee. Dr. Robert L. Kelly gave the Annual Review of College Surveys. President Frank L. McVey spoke on "The Recent Development of Catholic Colleges". The meeting adjourned at noon Thursday, January 16.

Besides attending the meeting, the delegates were guests at various government buildings. Tuesday, January 14, the delegates and their friends were invited to visit the Washington Cathedral as guests of Bishop James E. Freeman. Wednesday, January 15, at 12:30 p. m. they were received at the White House by the President. At 4:30 p. m. they were guests of the American Association of University Women for tea at the national club house. Thursday, January 16, the delegates were received at the Pan-American Union.

Second Semester Registration

Every student who wishes to make any change in his program for the second semester must procure from the Registrar's office his course card and a revised schedule card. Hours for obtaining cards: Saturday, January 11, through Saturday, January 18, from 9 a. m. to 12 noon.

SENIORS AND JUNIORS should arrange their second semester programs with their major professors and have revised cards signed by those professors.

SOPHOMORES should arrange their second semester programs with the Dean and may consult their advisers also. Revised cards must be signed by the Dean.

FRESHMEN AND REPEATING FRESHMEN should consult their Faculty Advisers. All revised cards must be signed by the advisers.

Please remember that courses elected for the first semester only must be erased on schedule cards in the Registrar's office. Each student is responsible for having a correct schedule card on file.

All schedule changes must be complete by Monday, January 20, at 4 p. m.

BERNICE D. LILL

Registrar.

1929 BRIAR PATCH WINS ALL-AMERICAN HONOR RATING IN NATION-WIDE CONTEST



JOHN POWELL

JOHN POWELL, PIANIST, PLAYS HERE TOMORROW

Winston Wilkinson to Accompany -Composer in Recently Published "Sonata Virgineuse"

John Powell, the distinguished American pianist and composer, who will play at Sweet Briar Friday evening, January 17, in the chapel, is, according to an authoritative criticism "a musician of attainments and authority".

Describing his playing, the London Times touches probably the most characteristic point that could be made in a sweeping statement: "There was a certain warmth and a touch of poetic feeling in his playing that gave it distinction".

His "Rhapsodic Negro", first played in 1918, reached its fifth performance last year, and his latest published work, "Sonata Virgineuse", for violin in the western orchestra, "In Old Virginia" will be the main feature of his concert here.

The Sonata will be played by Winston Wilkinson, teacher of violin at the University of Virginia and at Sweet Briar, with Mr. Powell at the piano. Mr. Powell and Mr. Wilkinson performed the Sonata last April at the meeting of the Virginia Federation of Music Clubs at which time Mr. Powell publicly acknowledged Mr. Wilkinson's playing as a display of genius.

John Powell is a native of Richmond, Virginia where he spent the whole of his early life, studying music under his sister, Mrs. Smith Brockenbrough, and from professor Frederick C. Hahr. After his graduation from the University of Virginia, he went to Europe, where he studied and made his debut in 1907.

Since his American debut in 1913, his reputation and prestige have steadily increased. He has appeared with the great symphony orchestras of the country and has been a member of the faculty of

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Classed With Women's Colleges Of 500 or Less in U. S. P. A. Competition

BOOK SCORES 925 POINTS

Annual Marked Perfect as to Finances And Mechanics; Pictures Praised

The 1929 Briar Patch, which was edited by Norvell Boyer, '30, and managed by Gwendolyn Oglethorpe, '30, has received an All-American Honor Rating in its class of yearbooks, according to word received from the National Scholastic Press Association, who conduct a nation-wide contest of this sort each year.

The yearbook is submitted to a close scrutiny and each department is given a score, depending upon its worth as compared with the other yearbooks in its class.

Of a possible 1000 points for a perfect annual, the 1929 Briar Patch obtained a score of 925 points and thus automatically was placed in the All-American Honor Rating.

The general plan and its execution fell 15 points short of the maximum score of 1000, while the faculty section lacked 10 points of the maximum 60.

Thirty-five out of a possible 45 points were scored in the senior and class picture sections, and the organizations received 20 out of a maximum 25 points.

Because the sport section lacked sufficient copy, only 80 points out of a possible 110 were awarded, although the section maps and the other pictures were praised. One hundred and fifteen points out of 120 were scored in the school life section, while the editing and make-up fell 10 points short of the maximum because of lack of copy accompanying pictures of clubs and other groups.

Financially, the book was awarded the maximum score of 50 points, while the mechanical considerations were also given the highest rating, 265 points. This latter included the cover, the type of paper used, the engravings, the color pages, etc. It was also the high score for this section, according to the information in the score book.

Approaching Weddings of 3 Of Class of '30 Announced

Three seniors have returned to college in the more or less rosy state of which is generally said to be that of the lately engaged girl.

Fluoresce Lodge, of Montclair, New Jersey, announced her engagement during the holidays to George McCall, also of Montclair. They plan to be married in September.

Mary Huntington, of Rhine, New York, is affianced to David Sheldon, of Bloomfield, New Jersey.

Katryne Blake, Trenton, New Jersey, has announced her engagement to Robert Porter Moore, who is also a resident of Trenton. Katryne's wedding will take place in the early autumn.

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THE ARMISTICE IS SIGNED

This year, true to custom at Sweet Briar, after signing in on returning to college, our first impulse was to read the contents of the bulletin board.

There appeared the long hoped-for notice telling us that we had come to terms with W. and L. and with ourselves. The "ban" is off and the student body and faculty are glad and relieved that strained relations between the two colleges are at an end.

It is only natural and proper that our two colleges should be at all times on the best of terms and have the opportunity of enjoying the social privileges that each has to offer the other.

But thinking back over the last two months, we have come to realize more forcibly than ever before, that perfect harmony cannot exist unless both Sweet Briar and Washington and Lee maintain the greatest respect for each other's rules.

As last week-end witnessed, W. and L. boys have come back to Sweet Briar with a splendid spirit of coöperation. We hope that we shall equal this spirit with our own when Sweet Briar girls go to W. and L. hereafter.

READING VS. WRITTEN REPORT

The requirement of written reports on assigned subjects has become so general that in many cases it serves to defeat its original purpose of stimulating students to read in fields of interest to them. The pleasure is often extracted from what would otherwise be enjoyable reading by this imposition of a written report.

Various reasons can supposedly account for this abhorrence to the writing of reports. Generally, it seems that students, like all human beings, dislike a mechanical responsibility which places them under obligation for a numerical amount of words. This is what many reports amount to. There is no spontaneity, no original thought, but generally a hasty rehashing of secondary sources. Besides, one can hardly expect an accomplished and finished treatise from a college student properly composing term reports in about three or four other courses.

A much wiser plan is to urge students to read entire books of their own choice, related to the course and approved by the instructor. Several professors have tried this plan and it is a fact that the students are pleased by finding even greater interest in their own work. Of course, the only requirement is that the instructor have evidence that the book has been read. This evidence is obtained from the student by a short written statement from him with additional comments if he chooses to make them.

In this manner the emphasis is transferred from the amateurish and second-hand research to a more wholesome interest in profitable reading. Not that we by any means desire to have students swallow education in sugar-coated tablets; rather we offer this suggestion as an antidote to relieve the negative complex of students toward outside work by providing a mature and practical method for bringing out whatever color there is to education.—New York University Daily News.

A PLEA FOR STRATFORD

Stratford, the ancestral home and birthplace of General Robert E. Lee, who is acclaimed by all Americans as one of the nation's outstanding citizens, is now partly purchased by a foundation which was organized to obtain it and make it a national shrine, similar to Mount Vernon.

Small and large contributions to this fund will be welcomed by the Foundation, and members of the Sweet Briar community who wish to help the cause, may send or give their donations to Lois Ballenger, secretary to Miss Glass.



How many days until Christmas! Oh, no! that's right, we've been home, haven't we? The only visible evidence of it are occasional new dresses, Prentiss' dissipated expression, and the newly acquired confidence of the freshmen, who by two weeks' vacation and the return to those they knew have been initiated into the ranks of "Those Who Belong".

Mary Huntington this vacation pulled a fast one by dropping into a New York restaurant for a leisurely lunch. As she left, pondering her nose for the benefit of the numerous male patrons who had given her appraising stares, she noticed a sign on the window "Gents Only", and made a more hasty exit than entrance.

The school of Saki reads, formed here earlier this fall is rapidly assuming immense proportions. It is amusing to see old charter members hinging over the shoulders of neophytes, watching anxiously for their facial reactions to his delightful stories.

Diamonds on the hands of Kathryn Blake and Florencia Lodge have created quite a stir, and the unofficial whisper that prophesies more for the near future is causing more of a stir and considerable impatience.

The frequent renditions of "Aren't We All?" promise to equal if not exceed those two years ago of "Rain". It's too bad that Cole's returned late, and could not appreciate to the fullest extent the song that she made popular overnight.

The window in the middle, of the chimney of the old library seems to us strangely placed, but we are assured that it is good architecture—a chimney for a chimney as it were—and so we are comforted.

Ginnie Derby emerged from Mues's the other day triumphant over the purchase of a piece of costume jewelry at a great reduction, but Bobbie soon took all the good out of her sale by informing her that the pearls weren't real so it was a bad bargain.

Heath should soon be made a regular member of the faculty since she can give her pupils by the hundreds, her admirers by the thousands, and can count on Pat Atkinson to make her feel and traverse after to hear his gifts.

Miss Sparrow let us in on an effective method of ridding ourselves of book agents, when she told us of the only time she had ever lost. Several years ago she rushed to the door to greet an expected friend, and found instead a book agent, who asked her if she were interested in books. She replied with the first thing that came to her mind "I don't know how to read!" much to her own surprise. She reports that he turned away, baffled completely—incredibly as it might sound.

FACULTY MEMBERS ATTEND CONVENTIONS DURING RECESS

History, Modern Language, and Political Science Departments Are Represented

Six members of the Faculty attended conventions during the Christmas recess. Miss Jessie Fraser, Miss Caroline Sparrow and Dr. Dora Raymond attended the forty-fourth annual meeting of the American Historical Association held at Harvard and Chapel Hill on December 30, 31, 1929 and January 1, 1930. Miss Josephine de Boer and Dr. Carl V. Connor attended the Modern Language Association Convention at Cleveland. William Edwards attended the National Convention of Political Scientists at New Orleans.

Duke University and the University of North Carolina entertained those attending the convention which had its headquarters at the Washington Duke Hotel, Durham. Miss Lois Gibbons, formerly a member of the history department of Sweet Briar and Dr. Eliza both Brook, now of Randolph-Macon, also attended the convention.

During the convention, dinners, smokers, luncheons and breakfasts were given at which, times papers were read and discussions were carried on. Many eminent men were present. Among those who will be most familiar to the student body were Carlton Hayes, David M. Muzzey and Evans B. Trever, whose works may be found among those on the history reserve shelves. The office of president of the association, now held by James Harvey Robinson of New York City, falls upon Evans B. Greene who was unanimously elected president for next year.

Many interesting subjects were discussed by able speakers, according to the Sweet Briar delegates. Among these that some of the work carried on in History 1 in colleges throughout the country. Every point of view was presented from the necessity of giving a survey course to the impossibility of teaching it to freshmen. The importance of large classes as an economic device to get high paid good lectures was considered in relation to the impossibility of getting good training except in a small group where the student may have personal attention.

The lecture method was sharply attacked and vigorously defended. One of the methods now in use at Sweet Briar, that of reading complete books and appraising the historic material met with considerable approval. Miss Sparrow drew the conclusion that the success of the methods employed depends almost entirely upon the skill of the one using them. Individual instructors should use technique best suited to them. "Every man his own way like making hoo," says Miss Sparrow.

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Readers Say So

THE READERS' SAY-SO column is read by all subscribers of the NEWS and everyone is invited to contribute his suggestions, ideas, criticisms through this medium. All contributions MUST be signed, but the signature will not be printed if the writer prefers this wish. The readers are urged to make use of this column because the NEWS welcomes all criticisms and suggestions.

Dear Editor:

I realize that there's been an editorial in favor of the privilege of adding courses, but I would like to bring the matter to public attention once again.

At least this suggestion might be followed: Let professors give the NEWS a list of lectures of general interest to be given each week, together with the hour, the name of the course, the place, etc., so that while taking a completely new range of subjects, we may attend other lectures in our leisure time and broaden somewhat, our range of interests.

The increase in attendance would hardly be startling, but I think that gradually the privilege would be used, and the lists would be supplemented with a good deal of interest each week.

A READER.

\$540, Median Spent Here for Clothes

Anywhere from \$250 to \$1700 are the amounts they spend yearly for clothes, according to a recent survey made by 13 junior and senior members of Miss Gladys Dickinson's class in Household Economics.

Each girl in the class made a careful inventory of the clothes in her wardrobe and evaluated them. The average amount spent on clothes was found to be about one third of the highest sum in the class. Four girls had spent more than this amount. This result indicates that taste is more essential than actual money spent, as far as being well-dressed is concerned.

Typical expenditures for the class were as follows: 1 evening dress \$15.00, 12 dresses \$192.00, underwear \$10.00, shoes \$70.00, hose \$20.00, hats \$27.00, miscellaneous \$40.00, coats \$100.00.

The very apparent small expenditure for hosiery is probably due to the socks and nightgowns which are worn here. Budgets for next year were then made out and the estimates were practically all much smaller than for this year.

With the Alumnae

Julia Wilson, '29, has announced her engagement to Dr. Joseph B. Killebrew, of Chattanooga, during the post-holiday season. Julia made her debut in Chattanooga this fall, and in addition to her social activities, she finished her college there in two months less time than anyone else. She plans to be married in April.

Dorothy Keller, '26, has been working in the gift department of the Beaux Arts store in Pittsburgh for several months. She is president of the Pittsburgh Sweet Briar Club.

Margaret White, '26, is sailing from New York early this month to go to

California through the Panama Canal. Dorothy Goff McInnis, ex-'26, of Edgerton, Wisconsin, announces the birth of a daughter of December 31, 1929.

Mrs. and Mrs. Collins Peckin Bliss of 1950 Avenue A, New York City announce the engagement of their daughter, Miriam Bliss, ex-'26, to Frank Henderson Barrett, son of Dr. and Mrs. Andrew L. Barrett, of 2162 University Avenue, New York City.

Mrs. Bliss is a graduate of Barnard School for Girls. Her father is associate dean of the College of Engineering of New York University.

ALUMNAE SECRETARY GOES TO MEETING IN CHARLESTON

Vivienne Barklow Breckenridge, '18, the Alumnae Secretary, left Sweet Briar Thursday morning, January 16, for Charleston, South Carolina, where she will attend the Regional Conference of District number three, of the American Alumni Council. The conference is to take place on January 17, and 18.

The purpose of this association is to promote the exchange of ideas and problems among its members, to stimulate alumni work, and to promote "a universal consciousness among college-trained citizens that education is man's greatest agency in the fight for freeing the human spirit."

John McKee, president of the American Alumni Council, will address the gathering on "Tendencies in Alumni Work," and Miss Jennie Loyall, of Wesleyan College, will speak on "Giving the alumnus and alumna something to do." This topic is to include a discussion of annual divisions, prospective studies, and adult education.

These two speakers are only a few of the many who are listed on the program for the conference.

The Sweet Briar Club of Charleston has been invited to attend the round table discussions.

Negro Songs, Stories, Make Program of Former Student

Mrs. Lucison Turner, ex '20, was presented by the Classical Club in her program entitled, "The Negro as I have Known Him, in Song and Story," in chapel Saturday, January 11.

Mrs. Turner's understanding of the negro, as well as her talent for singing negro songs and spirituals, was greatly appreciated by her enthusiastic audience. Her very natural stage presence and her charming personality made her talk interesting not only for what she said, but how she said it. Possibly the most interesting part of the performance was Mrs. Turner's presentation of a negro sermon and prayer, rhythmically chanted. All of her songs stressed the innate rhythm of the negro, which she very successfully captured.

The performance was given under the auspices of the Classical Club, to raise money with which to buy a case for the exhibition of its collection of antiquities and rare coins. Any remaining funds are to be used for additions to the collection.

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musical educational institutions from New York to California.

For many years Mr. Powell has been a power in the movement to make the integrity of the Anglo-Saxon race a responsibility of the national government. In many cities he has organized Anglo-Saxon Clubs with this end in view.

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Certain soulful pieces on the vibrating drastic moans from some, while others go into a state of relapse over the strains of "Singing in the Bath tub."

No matter what the Committee on Calendar Investigations may do, it can't eradicate the last day of vacation, and sooner or later we return to our playmates, prunes and Brussels sprouts, at Sweet Briar.

BRIAR PATCH MOVIE

The 1920 Briar Patch will present William Haines in "A Man's Man" as its second benefit movie of the year, at 7:30 p. m., Saturday, January 18.

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regulations. We also assume responsibility for the conduct of our men guests on campus."

In the letter of December 14, from Lewis Powell, president of the Washington and Lee student body, the Executive Committee assured our Student Government Association of cooperation in the future. The Executive Committee also expressed its sincere regret to the President and Dean as well to our student body, concerning the conduct of certain Washington and Lee men.

The letter stated that the particular cases brought to their attention have been disciplined by the Executive Committee. It has also been agreed that they will deal with any cases brought to their notice in the future.

DR. CONNOR HAS ROLE IN LYNCHBURG PRODUCTION

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to outwit Mrs. Alvested, and bring about her former lover's downfall.

The atmosphere of the play is strikingly effective on account of the Scandinavian interior, in which the scene is played and the costumes, which are of the 1890 period.

Tickets for the performance are available at the Little Theatre, on Sixth Street in Lynchburg.

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12:05 P. M.—Chapel. Miss Ramage.
8:30 P. M.—John Powell, pianist. (Mr. Wilkinson playing Mr. Powell's new violin and piano sonata). Chapel.
SATURDAY
7:30 P. M.—Movie. Benefit the Briar Patch. Chapel.
SUNDAY
4:45 P. M.—Departmental Recital. Studio.
7:30 P. M.—Glee Club. Chapel.
9:00 P. M.—Classical Club.
WEDNESDAY
4:30 P. M.—Orchestra Rehearsal. Chapel.
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